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The Adventures of **PETER WHEAT**

BLUE JAY IS TELLING PETER ABOUT A BAND OF WILD MICE THAT ROAM IN A VALLEY ACROSS THE LAKE...

AYE, PETER... I SAW THEM WITH MY OWN EYES, AND THE LEADER OF THE GROUP IS THE MOST MAGNIFICENT MOUNT I'VE EVER SEEN... PURE WHITE AND FAST AS LIGHTNING!

LIGHTNING, EH?

THAT'S WHAT I'LL NAME HIM... AFTER I CATCH HIM!

YOU ALREADY HAVE ONE!

TRUE! BUT I'D LIKE TO HAVE ONE THAT IS FASTER THAN ALL OTHER MOUNTS!

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ANOTHER MOUSE MOUNT, PETER?

WEB COMIC UNIVERSE.COM



BESIDES, IF THAT WHITE MOUSE IS AS FAST AS BLUE JAY SAYS... THINK OF THE CHALLENGE IT WILL OFFER IN TRYING TO CATCH HIM!

IT'S A LONG RIDE AROUND THE LAKE, PETER... WHY NOT HAVE BLUE JAY FLY US OVER?

WE'LL NEED MOUNTS OVER THERE TO CATCH THAT WHITE ONE!

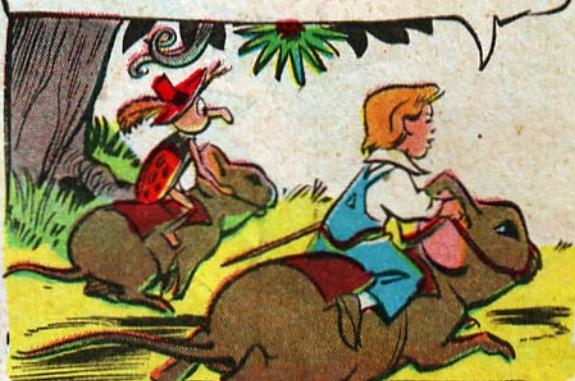


BLUE JAY! MEET US DOWN AT THE LAKE IN A FEW MINUTES! WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP!

AYE!



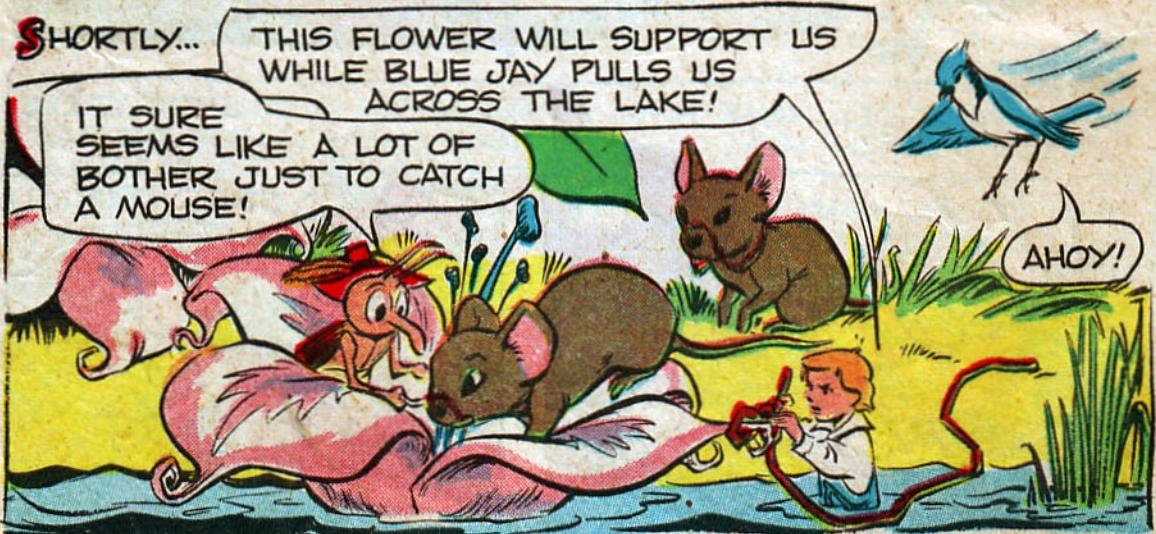
I THINK I KNOW HOW WE CAN GET TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE IN A HURRY AND STILL HAVE OUR MOUNTS!



SHORTLY...

THIS FLOWER WILL SUPPORT US WHILE BLUE JAY PULLS US ACROSS THE LAKE!

IT SURE SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF BOther JUST TO CATCH A MOUSE!



AHOY!

I SEE YOUR PLAN,
PETER... ALL SET?



WHAT SPEED! HOW ABOUT
THIS BEETLE?

I'LL ADMIT IT IS
FUN, PETER!



WE'LL GET
TO RIDE
BACK THE
SAME WAY?

AYE! SOON AS
WE COMPLETE
OUR MISSION!



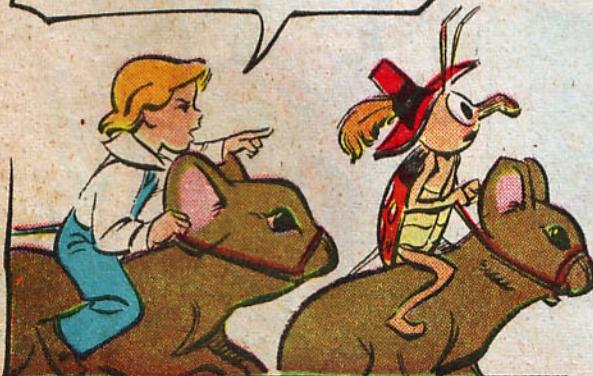
ONCE ACROSS, BLUE
JAY DEPARTS...

WE'LL SEND UP A
SMOKE SIGNAL
WHEN WE WANT
YOU TO COME PULL
US BACK, BLUE JAY!

I'LL BE
WATCHING
FOR IT!
GOOD LUCK!



WE GO STRAIGHT OVER THAT
RIDGE AHEAD OF US! THE WILD
BAND OF MICE SHOULD BE
ON THE OTHER SIDE!



I'M GLAD I CAME, PETER!
IT'S A NICE DAY FOR A
PEACEFUL RIDE THROUGH
THE COUNTRYSIDE!

THAT
IT IS!



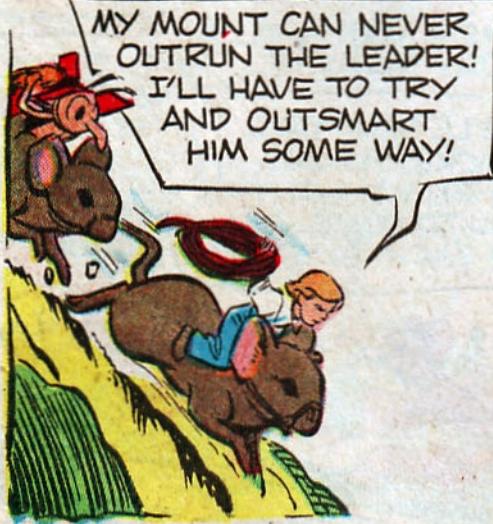
THERE THEY ARE...AND THE
WHITE ONE! WHAT A BEAUTY
HE IS!

HE'S SPOTTED US!
BETTER GET MOVING,
PETER!



MY MOUNT CAN NEVER
OUTRUN THE LEADER!
I'LL HAVE TO TRY
AND OUTSMART
HIM SOME WAY!

WHAT SPEED! BLUE JAY WAS
RIGHT WHEN HE SAID HE
MOVED LIKE LIGHTNING!



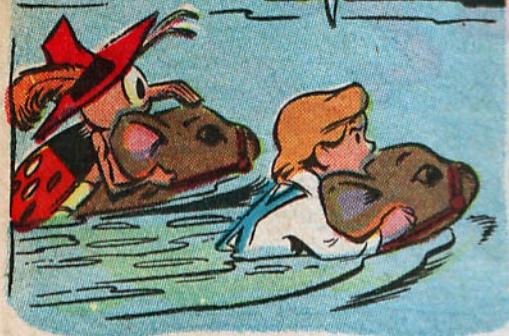
OH, OH! HE'S LEADING
HIS BAND ACROSS
THAT STREAM!

HERE'S WHERE
WE GET OUR FEET
WET, BEETLE!

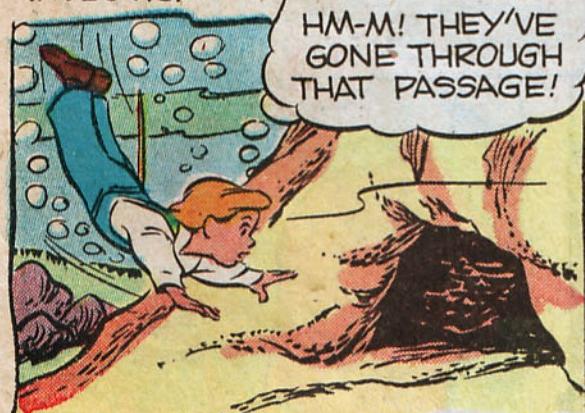


I'M GETTING MORE THAN
MY FEET WET, BELIEVE
ME!

BEHOLD!



PETER SLIPS OFF HIS MOUNT
AND SWIMS UNDER WATER TO
INVESTIGATE...



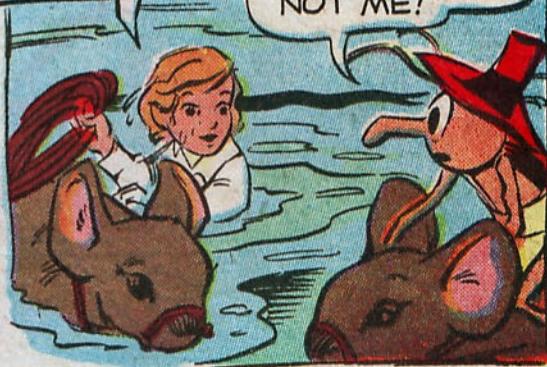
ALL THE MICE HAVE GONE
UNDER THE SURFACE!

WELL, IF
THAT DOESN'T
BEAT ALL!



TAKE A DEEP BREATH, BEETLE...
WE'LL LEAVE OUR MOUNTS
HERE AND SWIM
AFTER THEM!

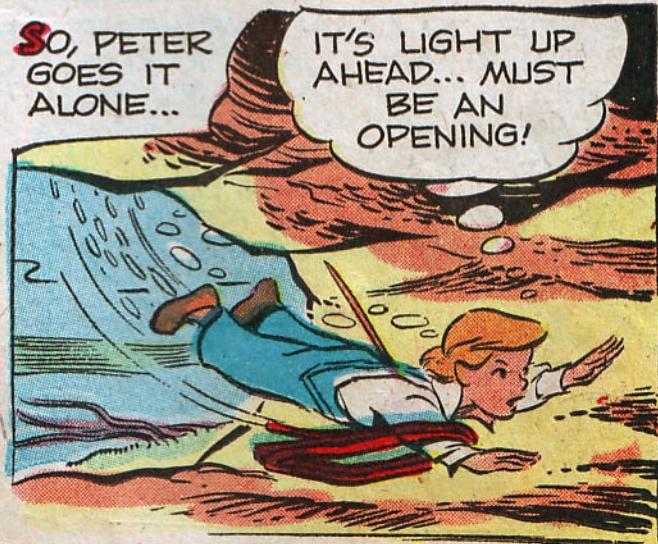
NOT ME, BOY...
NOT ME!



I JUST CAME ALONG FOR
THE RIDE! I'M NOT RISK-
ING MY NECK... NOT JUST
FOR A WHITE MOUSE!
NO SIRREE!

SO, PETER
GOES IT
ALONE...

IT'S LIGHT UP
AHEAD... MUST
BE AN
OPENING!



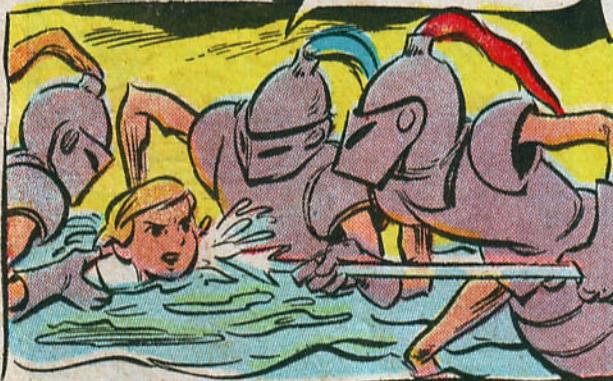
AH HA! SEIZE HIM, GUARDS!



BEFORE PETER CAN WHIP OUT HIS SWORD HE IS CAPTURED!

CEASE STRUGGLING OR YOU'LL FEEL THE STING OF MY SPEAR!

HO, HO! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, PETER! YOU SEE, A SPY I HAVE SECRETED IN YOUR WHEAT KINGDOM OVERHEARD BLUE JAY TELLING YOU ABOUT THE WHITE MOUSE!



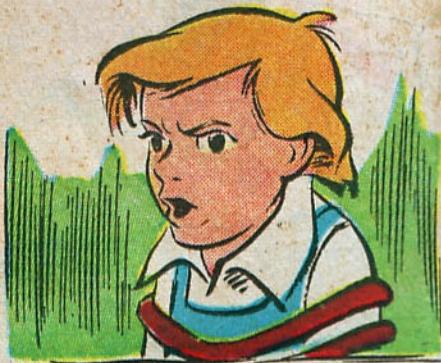
I'VE TRIED TO CATCH THAT MOUSE, TOO...THAT'S HOW I CAME TO KNOW OF THIS UNDERGROUND PASSAGE! I COULD HAVE CAUGHT HIM AS HE EMERGED FROM THE WATER... BUT I WAITED FOR A BIGGER PRIZE... YOU!



HO, HO! I KNEW YOU'D BE COMING THROUGH THAT PASSAGE! YOU'RE MY CAPTIVE AT LAST!



YOU HAVE ME, WIZARD!
WHAT DO YOU PLAN
TO DO?



TRADE YOU FOR THE WHEAT KINGDOM!
ONCE THE WHEAT FOLK SEE I HAVE
YOU CAPTIVE THEY'LL LAY DOWN
THEIR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER!



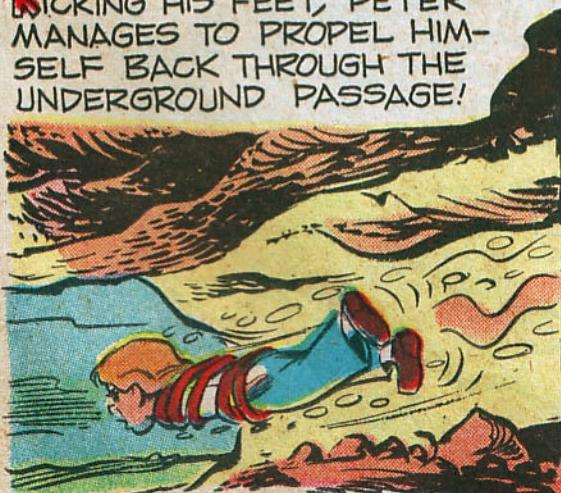
I'VE GIVEN THEM INSTRUCTIONS
TO NEVER SURRENDER IN
CASE OF MY CAPTURE!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR
TIME, GRAND WIZARD!



BEFORE THE WIZARD GRASPS HIM,
PETER LUNGEs INTO THE WATER...



KICKING HIS FEET, PETER
MANAGES TO PROPEL HIM-
SELF BACK THROUGH THE
UNDERGROUND PASSAGE!



SO! DIDN'T CATCH
HIM, EH?

GASP!



GOOD THING I DIDN'T WASTE MY TIME SWIMMIN' AROUND DOWN THERE... GETTIN' SOAKED AND...

GASP!

PETER! WHAT IS IT? MIGOSH! YOU'RE **BOUND!** I DIDN'T KNOW!

QUICK! (GASP!) PULL ME OUT!

HOW'D YOU EVER MANAGE TO GET TIED UP WITH YOUR OWN LASSO?

THE GRAND WIZARD AND HIS HORNET KNIGHTS AMBUSHED ME!

HURRY! WE MUST RIDE... THEY'RE AFTER US!

YEEK! DUCK, PETER!

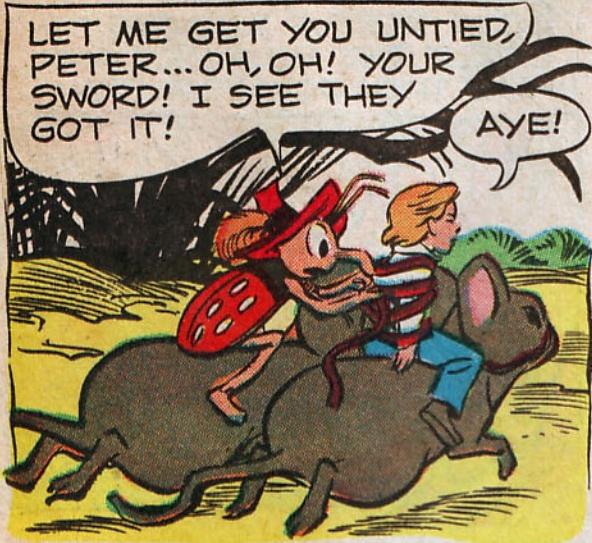
I KNEW IT! I KNEW I SHOULD'VE STAYED HOME! **NOW** LOOK NOT, AT THE TROUBLE WE'RE IN!

FEAR BEETLE! I'M SURE WE'LL GET AWAY SAFELY! IT'LL BE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE HORNETS' WINGS ARE DRY ENOUGH TO FLY!

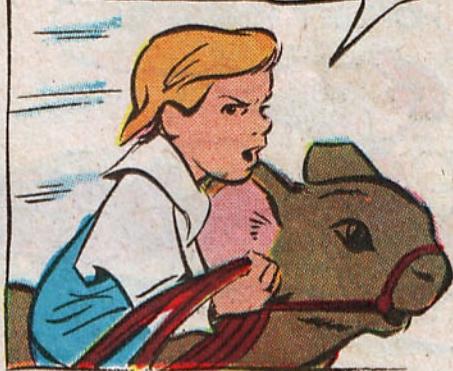


LET ME GET YOU UNTIED,
PETER...OH, OH! YOUR
SWORD! I SEE THEY
GOT IT!

AYE!



IF I HAD MY SWORD I'D
GO BACK AND HAVE A
SHOWDOWN WITH THAT
WIZARD AND HIS KNIGHTS!



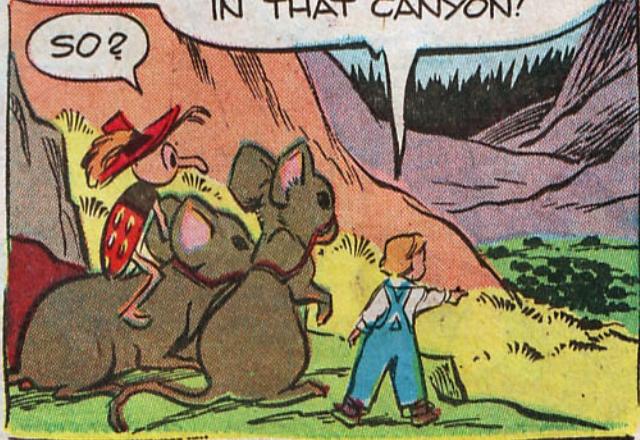
BUT BEING SWORDLESS,
THE SMART THING TO DO
IS HEAD FOR HOME!

AYE, AYE
AND AYE!



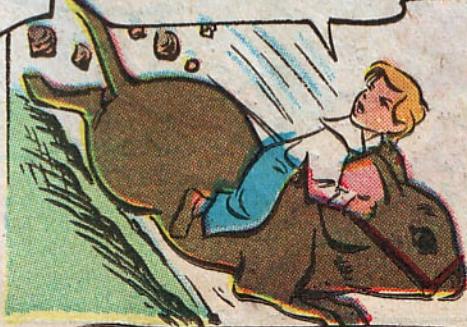
BEETLE, BEHOLD! THE WILD MICE
BAND! THEY'RE GRAZING DOWN
IN THAT CANYON!

SO?



SO COME ON! THERE
MAY YET BE TIME
TO CAPTURE THE
LEADER AND LEAVE
BEFORE THE
HORNET KNIGHTS
ARRIVE!

HURRY! CIRCLE
THEM BACK DOWN THIS
DRAW! THERE'S A
BOULDER I CAN HIDE
BEHIND! THEY'LL HAVE
TO PASS BY IT!



WOE IS ME! THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY HAS TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE! THIS DELAY IS **SURE** TO GET US CAUGHT BY THOSE HORNET KNIGHTS!



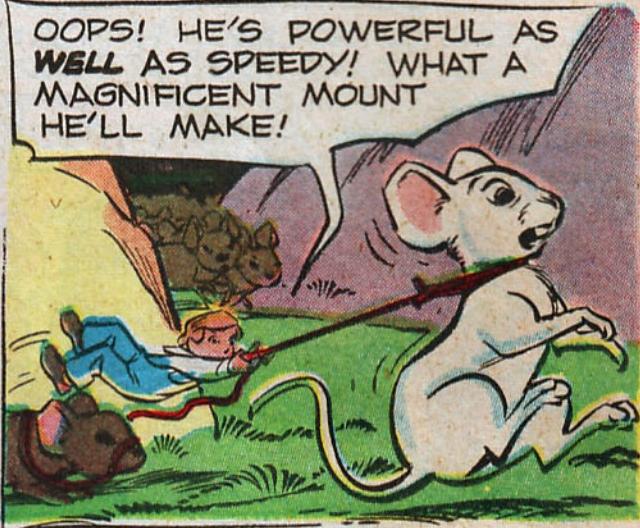
SOON BEETLE MANAGES TO CIRCLE THE WILD MICE AND HEAD THEM DOWN THE DRAW...



GOOD BOY, BEETLE... KEEP 'EM COMING!



OOPS! HE'S POWERFUL AS WELL AS SPEEDY! WHAT A MAGNIFICENT MOUNT HE'LL MAKE!



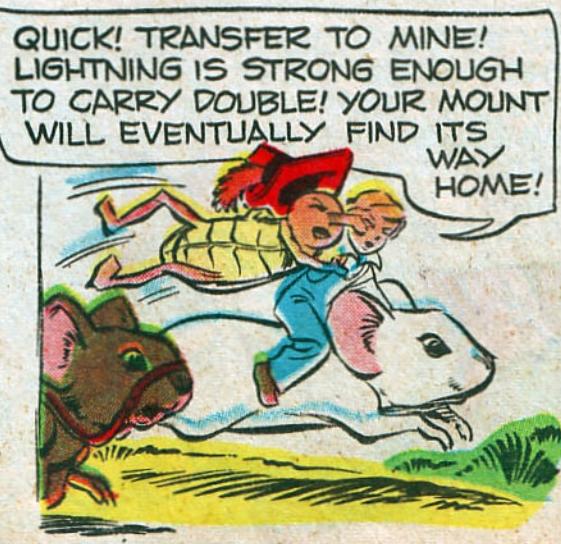
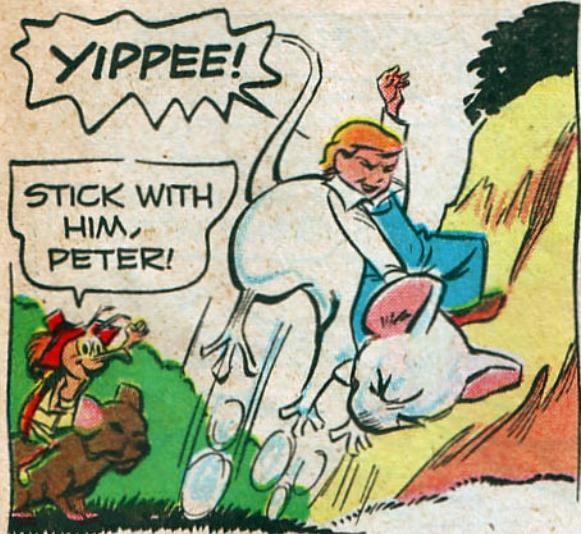
KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR THE WIZARD AND HIS KNIGHTS WHILE I TRY TO TAME THIS CRITTER, BEETLE!



SLOWLY PETER EDGES HIS WAY UP THE ROPE UNTIL HE'S CLOSE ENOUGH TO MOUNT THE STRUGGLING MOUSE.

EASY!
EASY,
BOY!





HOLD TIGHT, BEETLE! I'M GOING TO URGE MY MOUNT TO HIS TOP SPEED!

FASTER! FASTER! THEY'RE ESCAPING!

THE SOONER THE BETTER!



THAT WHITE MOUSE CAN RUN FASTER THAN WE CAN FLY, GRAND WIZARD!

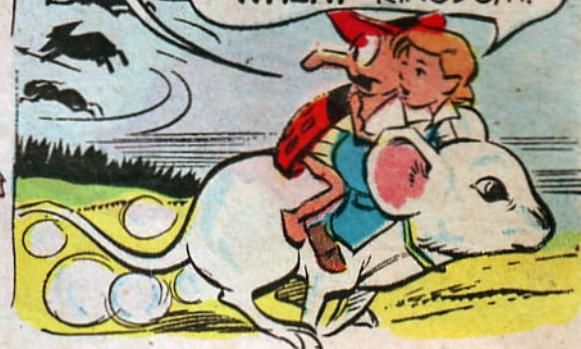


HOLD UP! HO, HO! I'VE GOT A BETTER PLAN! WE DON'T NEED PETER WHEAT!

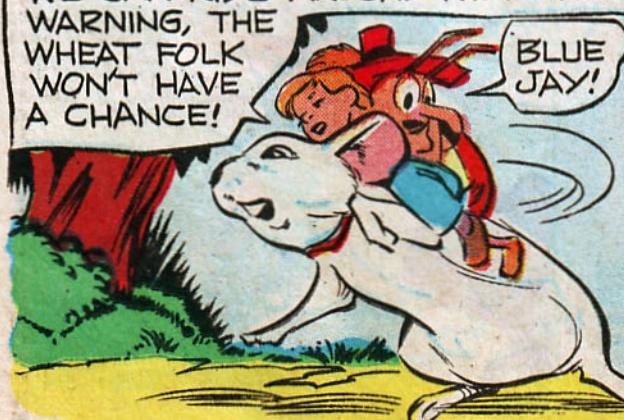


PETER! THEY'VE GIVEN UP! WHEE!

OH, OH! THIS LOOKS BAD... THEY'RE HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE WHEAT KINGDOM!



BY FLYING ACROSS THE LAKE THEY'LL BE THERE LONG BEFORE WE CAN RIDE AROUND IT! WITHOUT WARNING, THE WHEAT FOLK WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

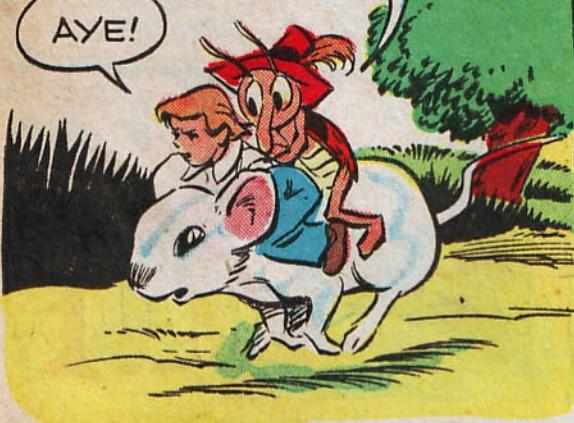


COULDN'T WE SIGNAL HIM TO COME PICK US UP?

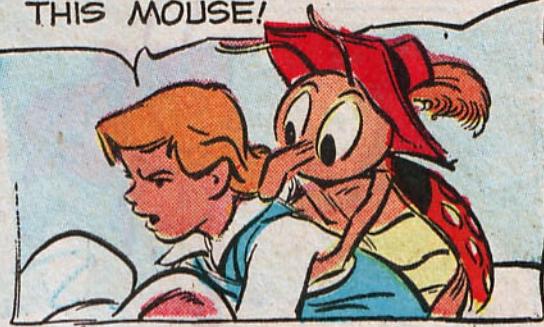


I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR
WANTING THIS MOUNT, PETER...
HE'S TRULY FAST!

AYE!



BUT STOPPING TO CATCH HIM
MAY PROVE DISASTROUS! THE
WHEAT KINGDOM MAY BE IN
POSSESSION OF THE **WIZARD**
BY NOW AS THE RESULT OF
MY DESIRE TO CAPTURE
THIS MOUSE!



SHORTLY...

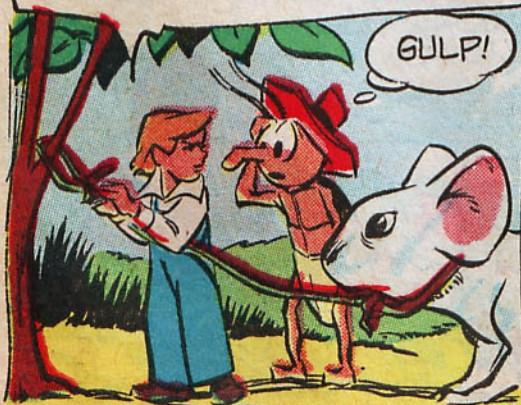
NOBODY ABOUT! I FEAR
THE WHEAT FOLK HAVE
BEEN DRIVEN INTO THE
HILLS!

THE
WIZARD AND
HIS KNIGHTS...
WHERE ARE
THEY?



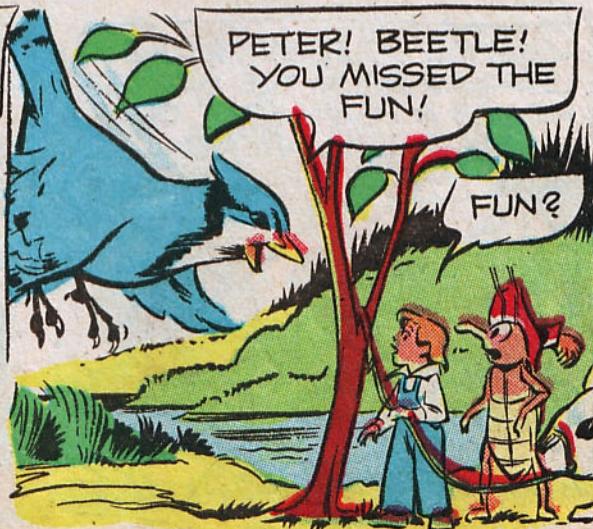
I DON'T KNOW, UNLESS THEY'RE
INSIDE THE TREE CASTLE
WAITING FOR US TO ENTER!

GULP!

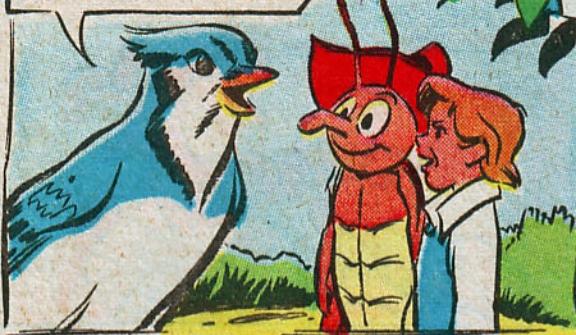


PETER! BEETLE!
YOU MISSED THE
FUN!

FUN?



AYE! WHILE I WAS WAITING ON THE SHORE TO SIGHT YOUR SMOKE SIGNAL I SPOTTED THE WIZARD AND HIS KNIGHTS APPROACHING!



I QUICKLY ALERTED THE WHEAT FOLK AND INSTEAD OF THE WIZARD AND HIS KNIGHTS SURPRISING US...WE SURPRISED THEM BY BEING ARMED AND READY!



BEHOLD! THE FOLK RETURN NOW... AFTER HAVING CHASED THE INVADERS OUT OF OUR KINGDOM!

WELL DONE!



WE GOT EVERY LAST HORNET KNIGHT OUT OF OUR KINGDOM, PETER!

ALL BUT ONE, FROG!



LOAN ME YOUR SWORD! I LEARNED FROM THE WIZARD HE HAS A PERMANENT SPY SECRETED IN OUR MIDST!

OH?



BLUE JAY WAS TELLING ME ABOUT THAT WHITE MOUSE ON THE BRIDGE...SO POSSIBLY SOMEONE COULD BE HIDDEN IN THIS HOLLOW TREE!



AH, HA!
I
THOUGHT
SO!



NOW THE WIZARD WON'T
HAVE ANY WAY OF
KNOWING ABOUT
ANY FUTURE TRIPS
WE MAY PLAN!



NO MORE GALAVANTIN'
AROUND FOR **ME**!
BEETLE BOY IS
STAYING RIGHT
HERE... IT'S
HEALTHIER!

WILD HORSES
COULDN'T MOVE
ME FROM
THIS SPOT!

EVERYBODY TO SAMMY
SWEET'S BAKERY! MY
TREAT... TO CELEBRATE
YOUR VICTORY OVER THE
WIZARD AND HIS
KNIGHTS!

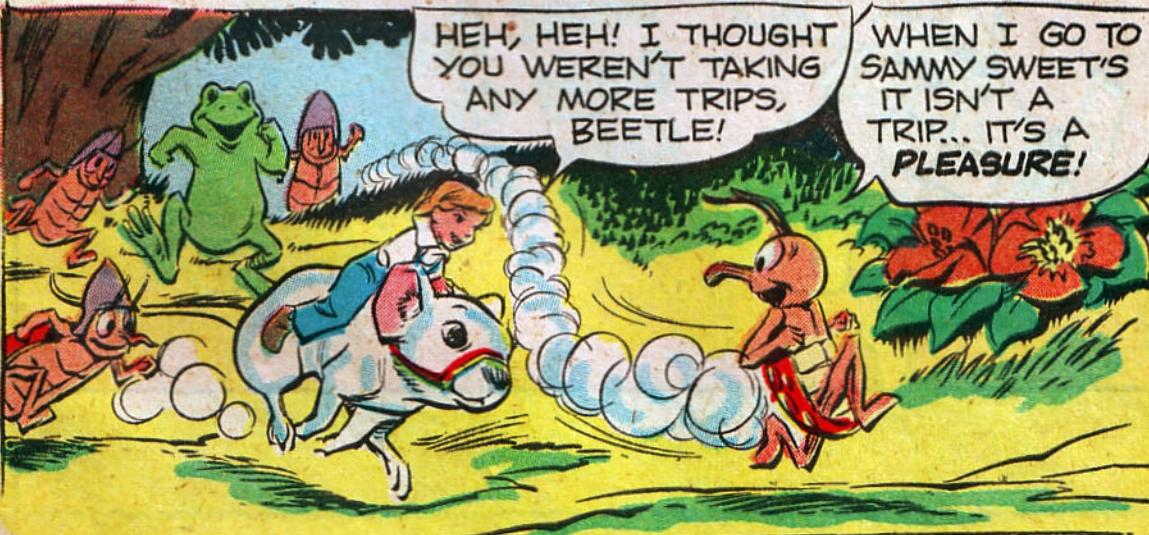
I'LL WAGER
YOU'LL BE UP
AND ON ANOTHER
TRIP IN TEN SECONDS!

YEA!



HEH, HEH! I THOUGHT
YOU WEREN'T TAKING
ANY MORE TRIPS,
BEETLE!

WHEN I GO TO
SAMMY SWEET'S
IT ISN'T A
TRIP... IT'S A
PLEASURE!



Don't Keep it a secret

KEEPS

FRESH

L-O-N-G-E-R



*share your secret
"tell" your neighbor
about Our Good
Bread-the bread that
Keeps fresh l-o-n-g-e-r*